

RE: Convoy Updates - February 18th

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OPS just held a press conference as an update on their operations. Readout below:

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- * The operational plan is moving ahead as expected
- * Thanks to police forces from across Canada – support and resources have been invaluable
- * Continue to be in control of situation on ground, here to see things through to a safe ending
- * Began moving officers and equipment into key locations last night, set up 100 checkpoints in secure area
- * Yesterday arrested some key officials responsible for organizing these activities
- * First focused on Nicholas St area
- * Even this morning all unlawful protestors were given many opportunities to leave
- * Officers then moved to Rideau/Sussex
- * As of 3PM, 70 people arrested, offences include mischief
- * City of Ottawa helping to clean up area gained back
- * Have seen children on site, prepared to ensure children are unharmed
- * We are focused on ensuring people of Ottawa get their city back

Q: I was out at Rideau, Mackenzie – many officers of different units are pushing people westbound on Wellington. It's getting late – what's the plan now?

A: We have a very deliberate and methodical plan to see this through. Thank you to police chiefs across the country who have dedicated resources to staff this plan.

We indicated from beginning would need to move slowly, safely, to protect Charter rights as we move to demobilize this demonstration.

Q: What has it been for officers out there, engagement with protestors?

A: Officers have been exceptionally professional all day, have executed plan very well. Officers experienced taunts, slurs hurled at them but remain professional.

Q: Have officers had to help Children's Aid remove children?

A: We said yesterday we had plans and were working with OCA. Hoped didn't have to use them. Have not seen need yet to interact with Aid yet. Despite plans, continues to shock and amaze me that children are involved in this situation. Parents: get your children out of here, not a safe place.

Q: Is this posture throughout long weekend?

A: We started this operation, have talked about increasing operations. We will continue to execute plan until residents get their streets back.

Q: Have seen police officers from various forces, how are they being used?

A: Won't disclose operational #s, level of cooperation with police services across ON and CAN unprecedented and amazing. Very proud of mobilization to end this demonstration.

Q: Have seen tear gas being brought in – are you planning to use it?

A: We've developed a well-articulated plan. Working with protestors to encourage them to leave. They can

We have developed a plan to ensure ultimate removal of protestors from streets.

Q: Did police use any powers under EA to make any arrests? Vs Ontario EA powers?

A: Three levels of government actions have led us to have the success we're seeing right now. City, provincial, federal emergency declarations have all allowed us to use new and existing powers.

Without the authorities provided to us through these, would not be able to do the work we're doing today.

Q: Images and videos of some violence, hitting between protestors and police. Have there been any injuries so far?

A: No injuries to protestors, one injury to police, minor that has been treated.

Q: Estimate of how many protestors are still here?

A: Not providing numbers at this time as operation moves ahead.

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Latest CBSA sitrep – law enforcement continues to monitor the possibility of further protests at Coutts, Cornwall, and elsewhere.

<i>Situational Report</i>
COVID-19 Mandate Protests Operational Impacts
February 18, 2022 – 14:30 ET

Background

On January 15, 2022, an Order of Council (OIC) was put in place to mandate vaccinations for commercial truck drivers crossing the border. As a result, commercial truck drivers around the country have organized and started protesting outside port of entries (POEs) by blocking roads and slowing traffic, along with a convoy of commercial vehicles headed towards Ottawa to protest outside Parliament.

Bottom Line

- * All POEs are open and clear at this time
- * No other POEs are reporting activity and police remain present and engaged at most sites
- * No new enhanced vigilance exams to report
- * Planned protest activity has increased going into the weekend however all reports are unconfirmed

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- * OPP reports a potential protest at Pigeon River POE on Feb 19, 2022, and will have personnel on site to assist
- * Peaceful protests in the vicinity of but not directly affecting the following POE's:
 - * Coutts
 - * North Portal
 - * North Gate
 - * Paterson

REGIONAL UPDATES

Atlantic Region

- * RCMP and NB Department of Justice and Public Safety have positioned one police vehicle each at the Woodstock POE; situated at NB Route 95 and the intersection of Old Houlton Road directly adjacent to the Woodstock POE. This coverage will remain in place 24/7 until 08:00 Monday morning.
- * NWNB: RCMP have advised they have a rapid response team ready to respond to any protest activities.

Quebec Region

- * All Quebec POEs are open, with no protests reported at or near them.

Lacolle

- * Ongoing efforts with the Sûreté du Québec (SQ) to secure the trade corridor. SQ provided resources covering Lacolle and its surroundings, and also maintained a visible presence.
- * The POE is planning to conduct an enhanced vigilance exam operation today (Feb 22, 2022).

Northern Ontario Region

- * Police presence ongoing at Cornwall, Lansdowne, Prescott and Sault Ste. Marie

Pigeon River

- * OPP reports a potential protest at Pigeon River POE on Feb 19, 2022, and will have personnel on site to assist

Greater Toronto Area Region

Toronto Pearson Airport

- * No credible threats identified by Peel Regional Police or the Greater Toronto Airport Authority.
- * There are 25 additional cruisers 24/7 throughout the airport in preparation for any unruly activity, placed strategically at entrances and exits of the airport.
- * Most acute concern is the potential of a flash protest; partners are prepared to add public order unit to attend should this happen.

Southern Ontario Region

Ambassador Bridge

- * Uncorroborated information: poster being shared on social media about a rally planned for February 19 at 2:00pm at the Windsor Riverfront.

Windsor Tunnel

- * Law enforcement maintains a presence at both the entrance and exit to the Tunnel
- * A Tunnel bus from Transit Windsor is on site should there be a stoppage or demonstration. Commuters can and will be transported across the tunnel to work in Detroit.

Map of Barricades at Windsor



Blue Water Bridge

- * Protest/Slow Roll planned in Samia on Saturday February 19. Information has been received that a convoy of heavy farm equipment, personal vehicles and possibly transport trucks will depart from the Flying J Truck Stop in Wyoming, Ontario at 1000 ET and follow a route of city streets and roads in the Samia area to maximize exposure while minimizing impact on transport truck movement. However, there is a potential for impact to the POE area.

Peace Bridge

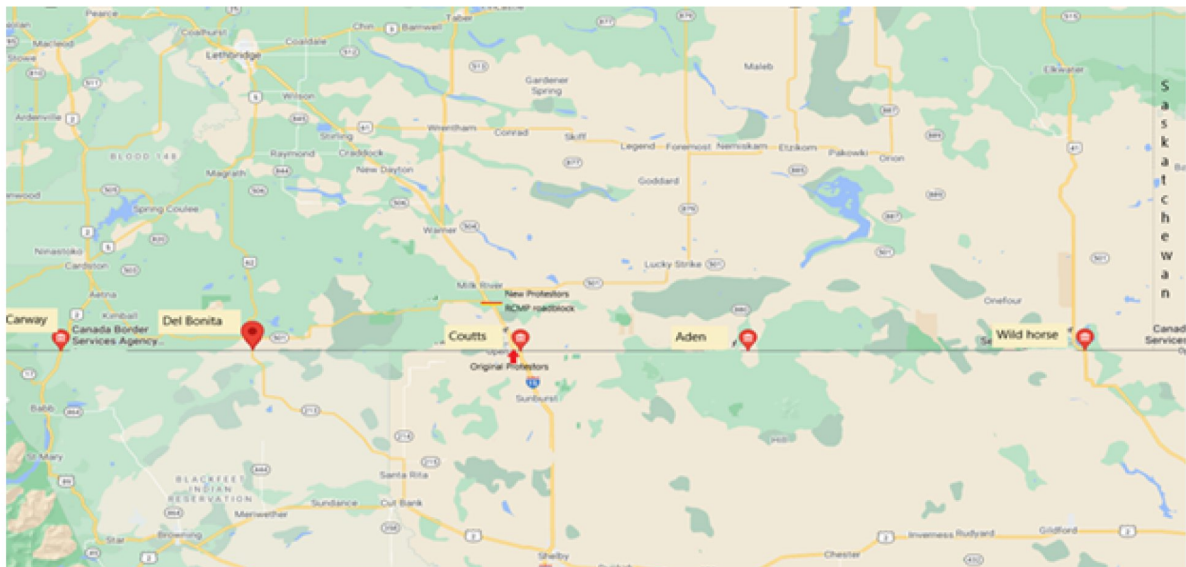
- * Social media posts suggest than plans still exist for protest activity at the Peace Bridge on both the Canadian and US sides of the border on Saturday, February 19.

Prairie Region

Coutts

- * No evidence at this time of more border blockades at Coutts however s.37 It appears further protest action is planned in the local town of Milk River (20km north of the POE) over the weekend.
- * RCMP are currently providing anyone that stops on the highway with 1 warning and if they refuse, arrest & tow
- * Roughly 60 ppl at the legal site in Milk River with reports from city staff the protest will grow over the next 48 hours. Seized tractor has been moved out of CBSA lot (currently on a flatbed at the scales). Patrols continue on the roads.
- * Sheriffs (Province of AB) Will be patrolling in Coutts today.

Road map locations of Carway, Coutts and Del Bonita POEs, AB:



Emerson

- * No impact to CBSA operations

North Portal/ Northgate

- * No change to the protestors on private land near the POE Northgate.
- * RCMP are in the area and monitoring with patrols.

Pacific Region

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- * All protesters have left the area.

Pacific Highway

- * A small gathering of protesters is present at 176th and 8th
- * RCMP checkpoints in proximity to the POE remain in place, with cement barricades to limit lanes and RCMP checking each car/truck
- * All side streets between 2nd and 4th Avenue (access to residential area) have RCMP checkpoints

Paterson

- * 8 Vehicles and approximately 13 people remain on site. One lane is open and traffic is still able to move in both directions. Vehicles have been moved to one side of the highway to create additional room for vehicles to pass.

Upcoming Protest Events

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Protest Events	
ONGOING (Impacting or in Proximity to CBSA POE)	Planned UNCONFIRMED

· North Portal / Northgate, SK (in proximity to POE) · Paterson – North of POE · Coutts – North of POE · PAC Highway – In the vicinity of the POE Overseas • * New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests	<u>February 19</u> • * Lacolle, QUE • * Pigeon River, NOR • * Peace Bridge, SOR • * Windsor Riverfront, SOR • * Osoyoos, PAC(Feb 19-21) • * Paterson, PAC • * Samia, SOR (slow roll) <u>February 20</u> • * Fort Frances & Rainy River – tip received of possible railway blockage at Baudette Crossing (US) <u>Unconfirmed:</u> Sprague, MB USA • * Peace Bridge (US Side) for Feb 19-20, and DC Convoy plans to depart on Feb 24. (Unconfirmed – the 2 events may be related)
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Intelligence and Enforcement

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF:

- * At this time (18 February 2022:1200), the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is still low, but caution should be exercised in light of recent reporting surrounding IMVE groups.
- * ITAC assesses that the terrorism threat to uniformed personnel is medium.

ANALYSIS:

General Threats

- * **No update.** CBSA has now received various threats via email and telephone. The Border Information Services (BIS) has received multiple threatening phone calls in the last few hours from an American citizen that were quite disturbing.
- * **No update.** the Canadian Consulate General in Dallas, TX received two threatening voicemails overnight from an American citizens opining about the trucker convoy in Canada. The voicemails were very explicit; punctuated with vulgar terms to describe the Prime Minister.
- * **Given the events over the past few days in Ottawa, ON, Surrey, BC, Coutts, AB and Windsor, ON, this appears to be indicative of increased hostility towards law enforcement personnel.**

POE Threats

- * **An ongoing analysis of SRT reporting, OSINT, and limited partner intelligence indicates that there are no credible threats currently identified for any POE.**
- * **Enhanced vigilance today (FEB 18) at St-Bernard-de-Lacolle POE. There are no concrete updates about possible protests to happen on 2022-02-19.** Facebook group: Douane de Lacolle (created by **Personal** and Freedom Canada) is planning a civil protest at St-Bernard-de-Lacolle POE on February 19, 2022 starting at 0700h ET. There are currently 71 people attending and 313 interested. Sûreté du Québec (SQ) and USCBP were contacted. On February 19, a police operation of the same scope as on 2022-02-16 is planned to ensure that no protests or POE blockage happens.
- * **No update.** Planned protest at Peace Bridge (CDN side) on February 19, 2022. The organizer of the event is calling on supporters and their horses to meet at the bottom of the Peace Bridge (CDN side) at 1300h. Additionally, planned protests have been identified for Peace Bridge (US side) for February 19-20, 2022, however it is unknown if intended participants will forgo this event and travel to DC on February 24, 2022, instead.
- * **No update.** Uncorroborated information on social media about a possible new convoy planned for February 19, 2022 starting at 11:00 CST travelling from Weyburn, SK to North Portal POE.
- * **No update.** US CN Rail Police received the following tip which was passed on to CBSA: "On 2/20/2022 there will be a blockage of service at the Baudette crossing. This will evolve equipment and human blockade. It would be in you best interest to not cause physical damage and stand down." The tip information is of unconfirmed validity and it is unknown if it refers to the highway border crossing or the rail border crossing. Social media and open source investigation by CN identified the sender as **Personal Info.** CBSA notes that while a rail blockade would be on the US side, the track is the main line that links all the rail traffic from Fort Frances heading west. If that line is blocked rail traffic coming up from Chicago, through Fort Frances would stop or have to be diverted somehow. Fort Frances has the highest volume of rail traffic across Canada, a blockade would cause a significant disruption.
- * **No update.** Uncorroborated reports claim that Rainy River POE may be targeted for upcoming protest and there may also be a blockade of the CN rail line in Rainy River, ON. No further details on when these protests may occur are available at this time.

Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE)

- * **A believed member of the Soldiers of Oden IMVE group has made threats of violence on a social media video and insinuates there will be more protests (uncorroborated) at the borders. Soldiers of Oden are reported to have violent members and are linked to anti-immigrant political beliefs. This is another indication of IMVE groups with a nexus to the protests have become more vocal as enforcement action ramps up.** RCMP located a post about the arrests in Coutts, AB. The post was on a Diagonal Telegram page and states, "some brothers from our communities were taken into custody and have a huge battle in front of them". The message goes on to ask for funding to pay for legal fees. There is an e-mail included at the bottom of the post. As tensions continue to mount between police and protesters across the country there is a possibility of additional members of Diagonal attempting to cross the border into Canada and from within Canada to join the protests with a view towards violence.

Other Threats

- * **Ongoing threat.** The size, unorganized potential and general distraction of some these POE protests continue to create conditions where both criminal actors and migrants may use the events to illegally cross the border into Canada. This may also include protesters who wish to join events on the Canadian side of the border, but do not want to report to Border Service Officers.

Enhanced Vigilance Exams (EVE)

As of 12:30 ET Feb 18, 2022, no new Enhanced Vigilance Examination were reported.

POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #)	Direct Back			Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
			Under Quarantine Act	Under Emergencies Act	Under EA and QA			
EVE's reported after Emergencies Act implementation (February 16th onward)								
Total (post EA)								
EVE's reported prior to Emergencies Act implementation (until February 15, 2022 2100 ET)								
Blue Water Bridge	1	2				2		Feb 15: Two FN's arrived with intent of attending the Ottawa Trucker protest. Both employed by Personal Person Personal Info. and did not meet entry requirements. Allowed to leave granted.
Fort Erie, SOR	1	2				2		Feb 13: Two U.S. citizens were arrested after two

Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2				1	1	undeclared firearms were discovered during secondary inspection, which were seized. The driver made a wrong turn as both travellers are protesters who were destined to the protest in Buffalo. Travellers were each issued an Allowed to leave.
								U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa.
								Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port
Prescott, NOR	1	1					1	Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2					2	Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided

								necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Douglas, PAC	10	21				18	3	Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3				3		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Total (pre EA)	18	33				22	7	4

Traveller and Commercial Volumes

Southern Ontario Region Commercial Conveyance Counts														
# Passages (Commercial Conveyances)	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11	2022-02-12	2022-02-13	2022-02-14	2022-02-15	2022-02-16	2022-02-17
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Commercial	4,348	2,597	1,189	1,728	5						2,639	4,312	4,705	4,312
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Commercial	2,460	1,277	622	2,663	4,845	5,119	4,893	4,397	4,275	1,509	2,644	3,327	3,360	2,759
Fort Erie Commercial	1,538	705	386	1,362	2,009	2,241	2,525	2,345	1,040	350	796	1,695	1,851	1,849
Niagara Queenston Commercial	1,152	531	262	1,213	1,372	1,914	1,964	2,012	694	301	1,239	1,559	1,568	1,432
Commercial Conveyance Total	9,498	5,110	2,459	6,966	8,231	9,274	9,382	8,754	6,009	2,160	7,318	10,893	11,484	10,352
Difference								-8%	18%	-12%	5%	32%	24%	10%
								-744	899	-299	352	2,662	2,210	970

Southern Ontario Region Traveller Conveyance Counts														
# Passages (Non-Commercial Conveyances)	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11	2022-02-12	2022-02-13	2022-02-14	2022-02-15	2022-02-16	2022-02-17
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Travellers	1,544	903	951	611	15	21	16	6			1,227	1,457	1,522	1,022
Windsor Tunnel	2,645	1,309	1,187	4,029	4,462	4,823	4,784	4,860	2,462	1,997	3,185	3,250	3,335	3,053
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Travellers	720	519	526	578	394	380	490	610	464	514	561	495	532	489
Fort Erie Traveller	1,055	896	1,229	1,140	998	969	936	1,355	824	933	1,072	1,014	1,103	1,229
Niagara Queenston Bridge Travellers	512	518	581	491	445	452	588	720	565	598	589	472	512	566
Rainbow Bridge Traveller	302	323	359	334	301	381	466	537	594	505	417	329	314	352
Non-Commercial Conveyance Total	6,778	4,468	4,833	7,183	6,615	7,026	7,280	8,088	4,909	4,547	7,051	7,017	7,318	6,711
Difference								19%	10%	-6%	-2%	6%	4%	-8%
								1,310	441	-286	-132	402	292	-569

Prairie Region Conveyance Counts														
# Passages (Conveyances)	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11	2022-02-12	2022-02-13	2022-02-14	2022-02-15	2022-02-16	2022-02-17
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Coutts Travellers	44	46	83	92	58	15	21	45	27		3	44	89	164
Coutts Commercial*	117	139	154	196	161		12	20	9			123	290	428
Emerson Travellers	97	63	87	98	57	91	33	19	35	22	27	22	57	135
Emerson Commercial	763	572	337	438	649	771	78				2	1	288	836
Del Bonita	118			61	64	255	336	287	69	105	228	152	53	23
Carway	63	83	97	62	31	67	87	78	150	166	105	73	34	35
Aden	6	9	6	1	4	8	6	6	10	2	7	3		1
Other Commercial POEs														
Regway	81	44	44	59	75	78	67	72	42	57	106	98	92	83
Roosville	128	83	127	91	89	125	152	146	98	98	113	91	117	104
North Portal Travellers	58	37	40	43	44	38	46	49	48	57	54	50	48	61
North Portal Commercial	279	277	305	259	291	427	446	295	417	329	256	336	437	437
Sprague	78	21	28	64	71	64	113	118	113	56	110	116	176	102
Boissevain	117	40	35	112	123	146	195	148	72	65	138	155	191	153

Pacific Region Conveyance Counts														
# Passages (Conveyances)	2022-02-04	2022-02-05	2022-02-06	2022-02-07	2022-02-08	2022-02-09	2022-02-10	2022-02-11	2022-02-12	2022-02-13	2022-02-14	2022-02-15	2022-02-16	2022-02-17
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Pacific Highway Travellers	836	576	509	601	517	593	719	928	488	5	5	412	552	704
Pacific Highway Commercial	1,357	816	546	1,104	1,152	1,425	1,380	1,367	545	6	6	831	1,340	1,364
Douglas Travellers	1,244	1,038	873	868	763	882	1,110	1,366	1,418	1,366	1,499	1,046	1,016	1,277
Aldergrove Travellers	185	143	158	117	130	145	161	230	205	174	166	147	171	218
Aldergrove Commercial	165	45	17	146	170	203	188	193	145	221	485	275	220	184
Abbotsford Travellers	246	169	160	203	181	208	232	243	207	207	195	182	221	297
Abbotsford Commercial	359	104	58	310	329	358	368	382	217	333	497	486	430	396
Osoyoos Travellers	168	71	68	154	165	184	186	166	57	68	154	202	183	198
Kingsgate Traveller	55	51	40	27	42	57	50	69	55	52	46	53	51	69
Kingsgate Commercial	221	140	92	146	215	244	251	206	153	100	128	217	245	230
Corridor Total	4,836	3,153	2,521	3,676	3,664	4,299	4,645	5,150	3,490	2,532	3,181	3,851	4,429	4,937
Corridor Difference								6%	11%	0%	-13%	5%	3%	6%
								314	337	11	-495	187	130	292

Law Enforcement Engagement and Port of Entry / Trade Corridor Hardening Highlights*

*Full report attached

s.37	Port Of Entry ("Designated Commercial Operation")	Prov	Police of Jurisdiction	Engaged		Port of Entry Hardening Status (CBSA Managed Facilities)	Trade Corridor Hardening Status (Police of Jurisdiction (POJ) presence to secure the routes leading to and from POEs e.g. signage, barricades, police presence & check points/traffic control)
				POJ	USCBP		
	Windsor (Ambassador)*	ON	WPS/OPP	Y		s.37	Direct POJ engagement continues at all levels. CBSA Management is liaising directly with WPS EOC. Police vehicles are blocking all side roads and plaza/hotel entrances along Huron Church. LE partners are maintaining a strong presence in the area. As of 2022-02-18 • Concrete jersey barriers placed the length of Huron Church Road from CBSA plaza exit to Industrial Drive (3.5 km). • Emergency Vehicle access maintained at the following intersections with police presence: • College Avenue & Huron Church Road. • Tecumseh Avenue & Huron Church Road. • Increased police presence within corridor at additional closed side streets. • Northbound Huron Church Road (to USA) closed for local traffic.
	Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)*	ON	NRP/OPP	Y			Direct POJ engagement continues at all levels. OPP has deployed additional officers to Niagara area to support and assist NRP. NRP/OPP have developed an Operational Plan for weekend of February 19. NRP/OPP have focused on controlling key access points, increased patrols, negotiating with protesters, and utilizing EDRs to divert traffic to Queenston Bridge when necessary. RCMP checkpoints 10 & 14 have been disbanded and patrols are scaled back. RCMP Command Center at POE will remain staffed. RCMP onsite and engaged since 22/01/28.
	Coots*	AB	RCMP	Y			Direct POJ engagement continues at all levels. CBSA St. Clair District is liaising directly with OPP on site at Blue Water Bridge. RCMP are attempting to maintain a 24 hour presence in the Emerson area for the next few days. CBSA holding meetings twice a day with RCMP and CBP.
	Sarnia (Blue Water)*	ON	OPP	Y			RCMP have established a command centre at the POE. Very visible presence of RCMP from 7th southbound on 170th. RCMP checking each car/truck. All side streets between 2nd and 4th Avenue (access to residential area) have RCMP present. Checkpoints south of the Visitor Centre on 170th Street and at 184th Street and 0 Ave remain active.
	Emerson*	AB	RCMP	Y			Direct POJ engagement continues at all levels. NRP/OPP have increased patrols and presence in proximity to POEs and key access points. NRP EOC will be activated at 0700 on Feb 19th and remain in place until Monday Feb 21st.
	Pacific Highway*	BC	RCMP	Y			
	Nagara Falls (Queenston)*	ON	NRP/OPP	Y			

Other Governmental Departments and Media

- * Trail RCMP: Prepare for slower crossing at Paterson border this weekend: [Trail Times](#)
- * Convoys planned throughout the Maritimes as police try to break up protests in Ottawa : [CTV News Atlantic](#)
- * RCMP expect protests at southeast Sask. border crossings : [Prince Albert Herald](#)

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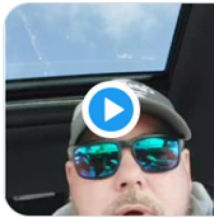
Pat King is believed to have been arrested.



David Akin  
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A police officer has arrested Pat King. Source: Pat King's FB Live:



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The Real Pat King on Facebook Watch
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Midday GOC update

New information in bold as of 12:00 EST, 18 Feb. Please ensure proper distribution of the KPs to officials with need-to-know.

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- * The enhanced Integrated Command Centre (ICC) under a Unified Command – made up of OPS, OPP, RCMP, and SQ, has established a secured area in Ottawa's downtown. Members of the public will be required to show proof of exemption for travel inside the Secured Area.
- * All incoming traffic are subject to police check points (approx. 100).
- * Emergency Cabinet debate for today cancelled due to ongoing police operation. MPs and Senators have been told to stay away from Parliament Hill today.
- * No one currently on Parliament Hill and less than 100 people on surrounding streets.
- * Police continue to make arrests in Ottawa's downtown core. [Link](#)
- * As of 10:31 EST, 18 Feb, OPS is reporting 10 arrests and 10 vehicles towed. [Link](#)
- * At 11:30 EST, 18 Feb, hundreds of police officers have gathered and formed a line near Rideau and Sussex in the downtown core of Ottawa. The police are slowly advancing on a large group of demonstrators in the area.

- * OPS has officially laid charges against two organizers of the so-called "Freedom Convoy". [Link](#)
- * City of Gatineau has secured an injunction against the Farfadaa group in a parking lot next to the Chaudière Bridge. The group has relocated.
- * FINTRAC is working closely with businesses and its Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Financing Regime partners to implement the [Emergency Economic Measures Order](#). This includes facilitating the registration with FINTRAC of crowdfunding platforms and payment service providers if they are in possession or control of property that is owned,

IMPACTED AREAS: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- * The enhanced Integrated Command Centre (ICC) under a Unified Command – made up of OPS, OPP, RCMP, and SQ, has established a secured area in Ottawa's downtown. Members of the public will be required to show proof of exemption for travel inside the Secured Area.
- * All incoming traffic are subject to police check points (approx. 100).
- * Emergency Cabinet debate for today cancelled due to police operation. MPs and Senators have been told to stay away from Parliament Hill today.
- * Currently nobody on Parliament Hill and less than 100 people on surrounding streets.
- * Police continue to make arrests in Ottawa's downtown core. [Link](#)
- * As of 10:31 EST, 18 Feb, OPS is reporting 10 arrests and 10 vehicles towed. [Link](#)
- * At 11:30 EST, 18 Feb, hundreds of police officers have gathered and formed a line near Rideau and Sussex in the downtown core of Ottawa. The police are slowly advancing on a large group of demonstrators in the area.
- * OPS have officially laid charges against two organizers of the so-called "Freedom Convoy". [Link](#)
- * City of Gatineau has secured an injunction against the Farfadaa group in a parking lot next to the Chaudière Bridge. The group has relocated.
- * On 17 Feb, messaging from TBS OCHRO and PCO was sent to all Chief Security Officers and federal operations centres. The updated communication reinforced current messaging.
- * The current status of the interprovincial bridges is as follows:
 - * Macdonald-Cartier Bridge is open
 - * Alexandra Bridge is closed but southbound lanes are open from 06:00-10:00 on weekdays
 - * Portage Bridge southbound is closed (except for essential workers) while northbound is open but all corridors leading to it are closed
 - * Chaudière Bridge is open
 - * Champlain Bridge is open
- * FINTRAC is working closely with businesses and its Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Financing Regime partners to implement the [Emergency Economic Measures Order](#). This includes facilitating the registration with FINTRAC of crowdfunding platforms and payment service providers if they are in possession or control of property that is owned, held, or controlled by, or on behalf of, an individual or entity that is engaged, directly or indirectly, in an activity which is prohibited under the [Emergency Measures Regulations](#).
- * NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill until 28 Feb.

Pacific Highway, BC:

- * On 17 Feb, a convoy was heading towards the Lower Mainland Vancouver and the Pacific Highway border crossing. The convoy is coming from the North and Interior BC. Surrey Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are monitoring the situation and have stated that they have a contingency plan should demonstrators show up at the Pacific Highway border crossing.

SK:

- SK RCMP says it is preparing for protests this weekend at two border crossings in the province. Demonstrations are expected at the North Portal and Northgate port of entries. The Village of North Portal said it has heard 60 to 80 semi-trucks and up to 120 passenger vehicles are expected to be involved at the protest starting on Friday. Landowners have granted permission to the event organizers to use private land located by Highway 39 for camping and gathering. [Global News](#)

Lacolle, QC:

- * The Sûreté du Québec (SQ) has increased patrols near the [Canada-U.S. border crossing](#) in the Lacolle, QC, area on Highway 15 after being notified of a possible convoy protest blockade. SQ has set up a checkpoint near the border crossing to ensure there is a steady flow of traffic. So far, no protesters have been detected. [Link](#)

Haute-Ville de Québec:

- * A NOTAM was issued for Haute-Ville de Québec restricting airspace near the Jean Lesage International Airport, as a preventative measure for possible demonstrations

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

IMVE:

- * As per ITAC:
 - * Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.
 - * The most likely IMVE-related scenario involves an individual or small group using readily available weapons and resources such as knives, firearms, homemade explosives and vehicles in public areas against soft targets, including opposition groups or members of the general public.
 - * The increase in violent online rhetoric targeting uniformed personnel is likely not indicative of increased intent by IMVE actors to conduct planned, directed attacks against members of law enforcement. Uniformed personnel are more likely to be targeted because of their accessibility in the course of their duties. The terrorism threat to uniformed personnel remains MEDIUM.
 - * IMVE adherents may feel empowered by the level of disorder resulting from the protests. This could lead to individuals vulnerable to extremist messaging to commit isolated acts of violence.

International:

- * NSTR

Maritime/CCG:

- * NSTR

Foreign Interference:

- RRM Canada saw no significant change in the last 24 hours, and therefore has no additional input.
- Prominent discussions online about the “Truckers Convoy” have continued to shift, now overlapping with those related to the *Emergencies Act*. A significant portion of engagement and activity continues to come from US online communities, driven by key US influencers, alternative media and political actors. Given the transnational nature of this discussion, it is difficult to determine exact metrics, but analysis indicates a clear interest among various US communities, including those sympathising with protesters, conspiracy-minded groups, and ideologically motivated networks.
- RRM Canada has also noted a trending narrative around a “bank run” in Canada. The narrative distorts the impact of new financial measures to curb foreign funding, casting the measures as a threat to Canadians’ own personal bank accounts (i.e., banks will broadly freeze accounts without legitimate cause). The narrative appears to be aimed at amplifying Canadians’ concerns around these new powers, as well as spurring Canadians to withdraw funds from their bank accounts in an effort to destabilize Canadian institutions. The discussion on Twitter is currently operating at low levels compared with overall activity. There are no indications of significant foreign state-sponsored interference in this discussion, with much of the activity resembling organic engagement, profit-seeking groups, and key US influencers amplifying the narrative.
- International networks and state-aligned media (e.g., those aligned with the [s.38](#) [s.38](#)) continue to engage in the “Truckers Convoy” discussion. These discussions focus on a number of themes including: claims of Canadian hypocrisy, questioning Canada’s commitment to the rule of law, and sympathising with protesters. This continues to operate at low levels compared with overall activity.

Financing:

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CSIS/CSE:

- * No concerns at this time.

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS:

- * Members of the Ottawa blockade that has kept the capital at a standstill for nearly three full weeks are calling the federal government's use of the *Emergencies Act* a scare tactic. [Link](#)

OVERALL ASSESSMENT: (Derived from information available on open sources)

- * The majority of the events have been peaceful however, it is being reported in social media that some of the protesters in Ottawa have been wrestling with police officers during the police action of 18 Feb.
- * Government employees who are required to access the Secured Area in Ottawa are experiencing delays caused by the checkpoints.

From: Williams, Caroline
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 10:19 AM
To: 'Blair, Bill' [Personal Info.]
Cc: Astravas, Zita <Zita.Astravas@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Convoy Updates - February 18th

For awareness:



All media who are attending the area, please keep a distance and stay out of police operations for your safety. Anyone found within areas undergoing enforcement may be subject to arrest. There will be a media availability later today at 474 Elgin Street.
[#ottnews](#)

9:43 AM · Feb 18, 2022 · TweetDeck

243 Retweets 355 Quote Tweets 571 Likes



Christopher Nardi @ChrisGNardi · 15m

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Now the RCMP just sent an email to the entire Parliamentary Press Gallery echoing @OttawaPolice warning for **media** to stay "out of **police** operations" and that we risk arrest if we don't.

Ya no?

Good morning,

Please be advised of the following information tweeted by @OttawaPolice a few moments ago:

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<https://twitter.com/OttawaPolice/status/1494683910411751426>

Tous les médias présents dans la zone sont priés de se tenir à distance et de ne pas participer aux opérations de police pour leur sécurité. Toutes personnes trouvées dans la zone des opérations policières peut faire l'objet d'une arrestation. Un point de presse sera organisé plus tard dans la journée au 474, rue Elgin. #ottnouvelle
https://twitter.com/OttawaPolice/status/1494684026023682048?s=20&t=jvnpo_ggrPudYBpqfenZdw

Regards,



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Good morning sir,

Sitrep from CBSA below. They are monitoring Coutts closely as they anticipate there could be a return of some protestors.

Update as of 2022-02-18 0800 ET

New information in red below

Bottom Line / Summary:

Ottawa

- * Red zone in Ottawa - major police operation underway comprising several police forces (SQ,RCMP, OPP, OPS)
- * All incoming traffic subject to police check points / Senators advised to stay away and avoid parliamentary precinct
- * Emergency cabinet debate cancelled due to police operation

Coutts

- * PRA reports no change at this time, but indicates concerns that the protest situation will ramp up over the weekend at the Milk River protest site, but no evidence of blockades at the border. RCMP is engaged.

North Portal:

- * PRA reports no change to the protestors on private land near the POE Northgate.
- * RCMP are in the area and monitoring with patrols.

Northgate:

- * PRA reports there has been no change to the protestors on private land near the POE. No impact to CBSA operations and traffic continues to flow. Heavy RCMP presence in the area.
- * Weather is poor today and tomorrow – cold and snow. Biggest factor is likely no private land to stage protest, as this is key element. The land they had secure fell through

Osooyos

- * All protesters have left the area.

Pacific Highway

- * POE reports steady traffic volumes northbound (into Canada). RCMP remain actively engaged. Checkpoints remain in place on nearby streets for traffic/crowd control.

Commercial Passages at blockade-impacted POEs (as of 0630 ET)

Work Location Name	11-Feb-22	12-Feb-22	13-Feb-22	14-Feb-22	15-Feb-22	16-Feb-22	17-Feb-22	Total	To date *
Sarnia Blue Bridge - Commercial	4276	1509	2646	3329	3361	2759	204	18084	27375
Windsor, Ambassador Bridge - Commercial	0	0	2717	4424	4763	4327	501	16732	16735
Emerson West Lynne - Commercial	2	2	1	2	302	835	32	1176	1239
Coutts - Commercial	9	0	0	129	301	428	18	885	917
Pacific Highway - Commercial	440	4	6	941	1344	1342	113	4190	6892
Total:	4727	1515	5370	8825	10071	9691	868	41067	53158

* To date totals are from Feb. 10 2022 inclusively.

Protest Events

ONGOING (Impacting or in	Planned UNCONFIRMED

Proximity to CBSA POE)	
· PAC Highway – Away from the POE · Paterson – North of POE · Coutts – North of POE · Northgate/North Portal – near the POE	<u>February 19</u> · Peace Bridge- New event for Niagara being organized for Saturday February 19th to close down the Peace Bridge (unconfirmed) · Windsor Riverfront - poster being shared on social media about a rally planned for February 19th at 2:00pm at the Windsor Riverfront. · Paterson, PAC · Lacolle, QUE · Osoyoos, BC (Feb 19-21) - <u>February 20</u> · Fort Frances & Rainy River – tip received of possible railway blockage at Baudette Crossing (US) <u>Unconfirmed:</u> Sprague, MB USA · Peace Bridge (US Side) for Feb 19-20, and DC Convoy plans to depart on Feb 24. (Unconfirmed – the 2 events may be related) · Rally at Coachella Valley in Indio, CA for March 4-5, Followed by a 'freedom' convoy (route unknown)
Overseas	
· New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests	

Enhanced Vigilance Examinations (EVE):

As of Feb 16, 2022, no new Enhanced Vigilance Examination were reported.

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POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #)	Direct Back			Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments
			Under Quarantine Act	Under Emergencies Act	Under EA and QQ			
EVE's reported after Emergencies Act implementation (February 16th onward)								
Total (post EA)								
EVE's reported prior to Emergencies Act implementation (until February 15, 2022 2100 ET)								
Blue Water Bridge	1	2				2		Feb 15: Two FN's arrived with intent of attending

							the Ottawa Trucker protest. Both employed by Person [REDACTED] Personal Info. [REDACTED] – and did not meet entry requirements. Allowed to leave granted.
Fort Erie, SOR	1	2				2	Feb 13: Two U.S. citizens were arrested after two undeclared firearms were discovered during secondary inspection, which were seized. The driver made a wrong turn as both travellers are protesters who were destined to the protest in Buffalo. Travellers were each issued an Allowed to leave.
Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2			1	1	U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa. Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views

								refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port
Prescott, NOR	1	1					1	Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2					2	Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Douglas, PAC	10	21			18	3		Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3			3			Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Total (pre EA)	18	33			22	7	4	

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF:

- * As of Feb 17, 2022 at 1430 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is still low, but caution should be exercised in light of recent reporting surrounding IMVE groups.
- * ITAC assesses that the terrorism threat to uniformed personnel is medium.

REGIONAL POE IMPACTS

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ATLANTIC REGION (ATL)

- - * ATL region reports no protest activity or impacts to CBSA operations noted within North West New Brunswick or Southern New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Districts.
 - * RCMP maintained a presence at Woodstock POE overnight, and will continue onsite presence throughout the weekend.

QUÉBEC REGION (QUE)

- - * All POEs are open; no protest activity reported near or at POEs.
 - * Region continues to monitor planned protest for Feb 19, 2022 at POE-Lacolle, and work with SQ to ensure security of the trade corridor.

NORTHERN ONTARIO REGION (NOR)

Ottawa area:

- * NOR IEOD has reported that several individuals known as protest leaders have been arrested or detained by Ottawa Police. 67 additional checkpoints have been set up by the OPP along highway routes into Ottawa and a number of ramps have been closed along the 417 Highway.

Prescott

- * OPP continues to monitor the area. Cruisers are stationed near the 1000 Islands Bridge.

Sault Ste. Marie

- * Police officers are on site monitoring the situation.

Pigeon River

- * OPP have a cruiser on site monitoring.

GREATER TORONTO AREA REGION (GTAR)

Toronto Pearson Airport

- * GTA continues to monitor and engage with police of jurisdiction.

SOUTHERN ONTARIO REGION (SOR)

Ambassador Bridge

- * No impacts to CBSA operations reported. OPP departed Windsor Tunnel on Feb 17, but Windsor Police Service remain on site.

Blue Water Bridge

- * Weather related closure of Highway 402 from Feb 17, 2022 at 1700 ET to Feb 18 at 0210 ET.
- * OPP has re-opened both directions of Highway 402.
- * Commercial compound completely full with waiting trucks. Minimal impact to operations.

Peace Bridge:

- * No impacts to operations reported at this time.

- * Planning continues for possible protest activity on Saturday Feb 19 at Peace Bridge.

PRAIRIE REGION (PRA)

Coutts

- * PRA reports that numbers of protestors at Milk River protest site are likely to increase over the weekend. Alberta Sheriffs will be patrolling in Coutts.
- * Odd social media comments on protesting on railroads. (nothing that looks like an organized plan at this time).
- * There are concerns that things will ramp up this weekend. Everything points to events all being held in the town of Milk River. No evidence at this time of more border blockades at Coutts but they are preparing just in case.
- * RCMP's policy for anyone that stops on the highway is to ask them to move once only and if they refuse, arrest & tow

North Portal

- * Heavy RCMP presence in the area and will remain for the next several days. IBET is patrolling as well.
- * Two checkpoints are established: Between North Portal and Northgate, and just north of Northgate POE.

Northgate

- * RCMP have established communications with the protest group. RCMP has indicated the numbers first known for protestors is dwindling.
- * Weather is poor today and tomorrow – cold and snow. Biggest factor is likely no private land to stage protest, as this is key element. The land they had secure fell through
- * Heavy RCMP presence near the POE with patrols in the area.
- * USCBP indicated there will be increase US border patrol presence tonight in Northgate area, but no news of activity.



PACIFIC REGION (PAC)

Osooyos

- * PAC region has reported that all protesters and vehicles have left the area.

Pacific Highway

POE reports steady volumes northbound into Canada.

- * RCMP are actively engaged at the POE.
- * Open source information suggests possible protest activity on Feb 19, 2022 in and around the POE area and downtown Vancouver. IOED is engaged.
- * IOED continues to follow the Prince George Convoy.

Paterson

- * No new information to report. Approximately 15 vehicles and 25 protesters remain offsite adjacent to CBSA property. One lane / 2 way traffic flowing unimpeded both to and from POE.
- * IOED reports social media post calling for support and convoys planned from nearby Canadian towns to arrive on Feb 19 & 20 afternoon to “bearhug” the POE. There are indications of planned protests on the US side; potentially some protestors with plans to try to cross to the Canadian side.

IOED

- * Open source information indicates that counter protests are being planned for the Lower Mainland and VIA this weekend. Groups are reporting that they will be significantly larger than previous protests. Another convoy may be planned for Vancouver Island as well, with no identified border nexus.

OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEDIA

- * Red zone in Ottawa - major police operation underway comprising several police forces (SQ,RCMP, OPP, OPS)
- * All incoming traffic subject to police check points
- * Emergency cabinet debate cancelled due to police operation
- * GOC reports that on the afternoon of Feb 17, there were approximately 20-30 people on Parliament Hill and approximately 150 people on the surrounding streets.
- * As of 17 Feb, Sûreté du Québec (SQ) have been deployed to Ottawa to help clear protesters. [Link](#)
- * Banks have started to freeze accounts linked to the protests. [Link](#)
- * Ottawa Police Services (OPS) have begun restricting access to downtown and issuing new warnings to convoy protesters. [Link](#)
- * On 17 Feb, OPS provided an update to Ottawa residents on the increased presence downtown including new instructions for residents and businesses, amid an increased police presence in and around the trucker convoy protest downtown.
- * Messaging from TBS OCHRO and PCO was sent to all Chief Security Officers and federal operations centres. The updated communication will mainly reinforce current messaging.
- * [Civil rights group to fight Emergencies Act usage in court | The Star](#)
- * [Legal challenge against Emergencies Act planned by constitutional rights group | Montreal Gazette](#)
- * [Freedom Convoy: Ottawa police arrest protesters | CTV News](#)